



**CULTURAL & LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE  
TECHNICAL RESOURCE GROUP**

**May 28, 2008**

**Sacramento, California**

**Minutes**

**CLCTRG:** Chair, Linford Gayle

**Committee Members:** Kelvin Lee, Jo Ann Johnson, Stacie Hiramoto, Leticia Alejandrez, Gaines Lyons, Rachel Guerrero, Mathew Mock, Sandra Duvall (for Oscar Wright), Edmond Pi, Katherine Elliott (for Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola), Andie Martinez,

**OAC Staff:** Earl Green, Marsha Tagawa, Beverly Whitcomb, Ann Collentine, Gaogia Vang

**Attendees:** Stephanie Welch (CMHDA), Khatera Aslami (PEERS), M. "Gitane" Williams

Discussion Topics	Highlights	Next Steps	Person(s) responsible	Timeline
Tab 1:Minutes from 04/23/08 CLCTRG meeting	Minutes were reviewed and approved with one edit. The follow up discussion on the Chair and Vice Chair positions were moved forward to the June 25 <sup>th</sup> CLCTRG meeting in San Jose.	MHSOAC Chair and Vice Chair to meet with the MHSOAC Executive Director	Linford Gayle, Andrew Poat, Sheri Whitt	June 25, 2008 meeting in San Jose

<p>Tab 2: CLCTRG meeting schedule for remainder of calendar year 2008.</p>	<p>Calendar schedule of CLCTRG meetings through November, 2008. There is no meeting scheduled for December, 2008. Schedule shows date, time and city location where CLCTRG meeting will take place. Actual meeting logistics will be provided in the CLCTRG packets and posted on the MHSOAC website at least 10 days prior to the meeting.</p>			
<p>Tab 3: CLCTRG Discussion points on membership, responsibilities and attendance.</p>	<p>The CLCTRG sub-committee on Membership, Responsibilities and Attendance presented talking points for discussion by the CLCTRG. The sub-committee followed the framework established in the MHSOAC Goals, Procedures and Rules of Operation. The drafted points also continued the discussion on identifying the gaps in representation on the CLCTRG.</p> <p>The membership discussion identified the issue of regular and consistent attendance; CLCTRG applicants should be interested in both mental health experience and cultural and linguistic competence.</p> <p>Discussion also included recognition that communities talk about mental health in a more expansive manner than contemporary mental health. Communities look at the total wellness of the person in the context of wellness of the community, whereas mental health focuses on the individual.</p> <p>There are gaps on the CLCTRG. The sub-committee offered that the membership is more weighted with</p>			

	<p>governmental representative compared to community based organizations.</p> <p>Recommendations and edits were made to the draft Membership and Responsibilities section and the Meetings and Attendance section.</p>	<p>MHSOAC staff will coordinate a conference call with sub-committee members to finalize the draft document for further discussion at the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting in San Jose</p>	<p>Sub-committee members: Stacie Hiramoto Andie Martinez JoAnn Johnson Antonia Taylor</p> <p>MHSOAC staff: Earl Green</p>	<p>June 25, 2008 Meeting in San Jose</p>
<p>Tab 4: Unserved, Underserved, Inappropriately Served</p>	<p>Rachel Guerrero presented a draft of her research on the terms unserved, underserved and inappropriately served communities. She highlighted that “inappropriately served” is not in the MHSA and that unserved and underserved is used in reference to cultural groups. Chapter 9 of the California Code of Regulations provides a definition for underserved in Section 3200.300 and for unserved in Section 3200.310.</p> <p>Rachel’s presentation also included research and discussion on the W &amp; I Code and language referencing cultural competency.</p> <p>Further discussion involving unserved and underserved centered on the their usage in the context of disparities and that the MHSOAC Commissioner’s are grappling</p>	<p>Rachel will send a draft to all CLCTRG members seeking input and feedback on her final draft. She will present the results at the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting in San Jose.</p>	<p>Rachel Guerrero and CLCTRG</p>	<p>June 25, 2008 meeting in San Jose</p>

	<p>with mental health disparities, a definition of disparities, multicultural communities and unserved/underserved communities. The issue is the lack of access to mental health services for racial, ethnic, linguistic and multicultural communities. There is literature available on the lack of access to mental health services for:</p> <p>African Americans Latinos Asian/Pacific Islanders Native Americans</p> <p>Data on other racial, ethnic, linguistic and multicultural groups is less readily available. In order for disparities to be recognized and defined there needs to be a point of reference.</p>	<p>Define a logical point of reference that lays out disparities in such a way that it will inform the MHSOAC Commissioners of what is needed and provide them with information that will allow them to make a well informed decision on what needs to be done.</p>	<p>Rachel Guerrero-Lead CLCTRG</p>	<p>June 25, 2008 meeting in San Jose</p>
<p>New Business: Statewide Client and Family Member Technical Assistance Center</p>	<p>A presentation was made to the CLCTRG highlighting the lack of inclusion of cultural competence in SCFMTAC-RFP and that this lack of inclusion needs to be raised to the level of the MHSOAC Commissioners. The intent was not to interrupt the contracting process or stop the funding for the SCFMTAC, rather, it was to inform the CLCTRG and the MHSOAC Commissioners that cultural competency needs to be included in any contracting language related to the SCFMTAC. One way to</p>	<p>MHSOAC staff to follow up with MHSOAC consultant and report back to CLCTRG</p>	<p>Earl Green</p>	<p>June 25, 2008 meeting in San Jose</p>

	address the cultural competency concerns is to discuss with DMH to ensure inclusion in the “Scope of Work” elements of the contracts awarded.			
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